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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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July 22, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes

Council members present were:

Jim Luce	Chair
Dick Fryhling	Community, Trade & Economic Development
Mary McDonald	Department of Natural Resources
Jeff Tayer	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Dick Byers	Utilities and Transportation Commission
Hedia Adelsman	Department of Ecology

Staff in attendance were:

Allen Fiksdal – EFSEC Manager, Stephen Posner – Compliance Manager, Jim La Spina – EFS Specialist, Kyle Crews – AAG AGO, and Tammy Talburt – Administrative Assistant.

Guests in attendance were:

Liz Klumpp, Rob Swedo, Stacy Mason, Theresa Beny, Trish Eaton, and Steve Pickett of Bonneville Power Administration; Daniel Walters, Liz Ellis and Pene Speaks, and Janet Ballen of the Dept. of Natural Resources; and Travis Nelson of the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

Bonneville Power Administration: Transmission Lines Workshop

Representatives from Bonneville Power Administration briefed EFSEC on their proposed 500 kilovolt Big Eddy-Knight and Central Ferry-Lower Monumental transmission lines. They referred to maps that had alternative routes for the Big Eddy-Knight with 2 alternative locations for a new substation, and alternative routes for the Central Ferry-Lower Monumental transmission lines. BPA covered Line Routing and Environment Considerations for an environmental impact statement.

BPA noted that the lines were needed as a result of requests for power transmission during a 2008 Network Open Season process.

Representatives from DNR noted most concern over the western alternative route on the Big Eddy-Knight project that would impact DNR lands. Concerns related to vegetation management, protected habitat lands, and the incompatibility of transmission lines with DNR land management goals.

It was noted that EFSEC did not have any regulatory oversight of these transmission lines but will coordinate the state's comments and review of the environmental impact statement and identifying "substantive state standards" that would apply to these projects. All other state agency regulatory issues would need to be addressed by those agencies directly with BPA.

A third BPA transmission line is in the planning stages. The I-5 Corridor line would start southwest or east of Portland and continue to Castle Rock in Washington. No routes have yet been identified but were expected to be in October of 2009.

BPA is still welcoming state agency comments on the Big Eddy-Knight and Central Ferry-Lower Monumental projects. Further information on these projects can be found on the BPA website.